

**Examination of the Tunbridge Wells Local Plan**

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Dear Ms Watters,

1. I write further to the additional hearing session held on 29 March 2022 to discuss legal compliance matters as part of the examination of the Tunbridge Wells Borough Local Plan. Based on what I have read and heard to date, I can confirm that the examination may proceed to Stage 2.
2. At the latest hearing session, the Council submitted an updated Statement of Common Ground with Kent County Council and referred to new transport evidence produced in support of the Plan. These documents should be provided to the Programme Officer and made available on the examination website.
3. In light of the new transport evidence, and as a result of the additional hearing session on legal compliance, it will now be necessary to agree on and notify participants of new dates for the Stage 2 hearings. Looking ahead, I have therefore asked the Programme Officer to initially explore dates in May, June and July. New deadlines for the submission of Stage 2 hearing statements will also be published in updated guidance for participants.
4. I have asked the Programme Officer to upload a copy of this letter to the website for those following the examination. In the meantime, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

*Matthew Birkinshaw*

Inspector